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p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
n.y.a. not yet available

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r figure or series revised since previous issue

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mill. kWh		Gas (c) mill. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000		Month	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original
<i>1984-85—</i>																<i>1984-85—</i>
January	35.6	9,389	10,258	31,802	39,309	511	507	330	493	11.8	34.0	88	195	January	8,581	
February	35.1	8,806	9,864	32,702	38,439	451	500	444	461	31.5	33.2	193	201	February	8,207	
March	22,451	41.4	9,860	10,104	36,119	37,907	537	521	477	457	35.6	33.1	195	190	March	11,504
April	41.5	9,346	10,052	33,588	36,886	494	518	447	467	28.9	33.3	155	188	April	10,152	
May	45.6	10,561	10,065	40,321	36,444	549	522	529	476	38.9	33.2	182	198	May	13,169	
June	23,850	38.8	10,878	10,063	43,621	37,267	544	540	480	470	37.4	37.0	169	181	June	11,937
<i>1985-86—</i>																<i>1985-86—</i>
July	45.4	11,683	9,927	49,864	39,391	599	545	514	492	44.4	37.6	190	177	July 27	12,998	
August	45.6	11,275	10,279	47,894	42,917	583	556	594	552	42.5	36.5	190	160	August 24	12,930	
September	28,609	43.2	10,201	10,208	44,821	43,434	582	601	523	523	38.1	35.5	193	163	September 21	11,626
October	42.6	10,210	10,265	43,559	44,285	589	597	570	543	42.1	36.4	222	180	October 19	11,986	
November	38.0	9,724	10,255	38,917	41,555	578	616	522	481	34.5	32.1	195	164	November 16	12,658	
December	22,554	38.1	9,988	10,418	35,237	42,075	561	556	457	473	25.6	28.9	154	160	December 14	13,217
January	34.4	9,846	10,693	33,473	41,559	592	588	r336	r500	12.5	36.4	91	203	January 11	3,135	
February	r38.8	9,347	10,466	36,321	42,622	504	559	r503	r522	30.0	31.7	152	158	February 8	11,902	
March	n.y.a.	40.6	10,265	10,758	40,007	42,122	545	526	502	503	30.7	30.6	124	133	March 8	9,850

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite. (f) Tasmanian production period one week earlier.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blankets) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes	Price index manufacturing division(s) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Whole milk intake by factory(b) mil. litres	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	STOCKS(d)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				Original	Seas. adj.	Total	% of total received by brokers(c)	
<i>1984-85—</i>														Original
February	2,766	3,297	976	880	13,202	13,843	p154	163	405.2	438	513	45,525	75.1	37,815
March	3,850	3,096	923	868	14,257	r12,979	p183	184	408.2	390	519	48,406	74.5	37,842
April	2,735	3,025	680	699	11,506	r12,525	p171	180	412.9	336	533	38,204	79.2	
May	4,383	3,378	945	937	15,086	13,531	p198	183	418.0	310	544	40,213	78.2	
June	3,317	2,847	751	883	14,506	12,748	p165	178	420.8	279	545	25,987	76.0	39,151
<i>1985-86—</i>														Original
July	3,793	3,474	877	r334	15,301	13,420	p	179	422.7	342	496	55,086	81.6	
August	4,166	3,683	850	892	14,928	13,256	166	168	424.9	484	484	46,596	80.7	
September	3,491	3,099	707	744	13,682	12,675	166	162	425.5	652	486	106,725	81.3	p41,008
October	3,348	3,291	734	589	16,445	14,444	195	168	426.6	789	493	117,212	77.9	p40,785
November	3,638	3,348	678	781	15,597	14,340	187	189	428.4	742	493	92,878	76.0	
December	2,248	2,787	602	718	11,020	14,000	168	190	431.1	678	498	39,262	75.6	p41,679
January	1,291	4,215	r566	r556	r11,483	r11,422	180	196	p54.4	r604	r519	r46,252	r80.3	
February	r3,404	r4,040	r1,042	r1,042	r13,369	r14,245	187	197	p437.2	462	542	r47,441	r76.2	
March	3,286	3,041	999	1,061	14,438	14,488	189	203	n.y.a.	411	547	46,158	75.9	n.y.a.
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	208	199	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m				Export price index All groups (base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m			Official reserve assets (\$) \$m
	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account		
1984-85—										
February	2,298	2,209			224	125.2	-215	-450	13,115	
March	2,419	2,843	5,637	5,389	231	124.1	-129	-629	13,130	
April	2,916	2,402			241	123.1	-21	-500	13,988	
May	2,971	2,967			243	120.7	-470	-997	14,041	
June	2,994	2,615	5,946	5,449	246	141.0	-319	-855	13,517	
1985-86—										
July	2,715	3,221			241	141.8	-948	-1,364	12,499	
August	3,117	3,072			238	141.8	-531	-1,055	12,774	
September	2,789	2,805	6,022	5,621	237	141.8	-604	-1,137	12,505	
October	2,593	3,134			235	141.8	-952	-1,624	12,775	
November	2,895	2,676			238	146.6	-577	-1,019	12,636	
December	2,622	2,648	5,818	5,872	238	146.6	-30	-1,111	12,616	
January	3,160	2,773			234	146.6	-426	-661	12,113	
February	2,630	2,627			235	146.6	-419	-653	12,925	
March	p2,622	p2,603	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p232	n.y.a.	-528	-1,042	12,811	
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-853	-1,476	12,553	

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1984-85—												
February	3,517	3,943							43.5	46.6	12.8	
March	3,847	3,981	5,858	6,004	3,375	3,847	1,936	2,090	48.8	47.2	15.6	
April	3,846	3,997							42.0	45.0	14.3	
May	4,246	4,112							49.0	43.7	13.6	
June	3,809	4,137	5,943	6,103	3,953	3,976	2,000	2,138	42.1	41.6	14.6	
1985-86—												
July	4,066	4,201							46.9	42.6	14.8	
August	4,128	4,196							44.1	41.2	12.1	
September	3,989	4,281	6,169	6,361	3,883	4,061	2,129	2,241	42.6	44.9	11.9	
October	4,402	4,366							45.2	44.0	12.4	
November	3,581	4,366							46.5	48.4	12.2	
December	5,874	4,406	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	40.5	42.0	p10.0	
January	4,200	4,406							33.7	38.5	9.8	
February	3,537	4,413							31.5	p33.8	10.5	
March	4,180	4,423	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	34.3	35.8	9.9	
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p39.7	p38.6	p11.3	

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary full-time adult persons (\$)		Index of award rates of pay: full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females	All	adult persons			All groups	Fined	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care education(a)	Recreation and
1984-85—															
January	392.70	260.10	377.50		202.8										
February					202.8										
March					202.9										
April					208.0										
May	397.20	263.40	382.80		208.2										
June					208.2										
1985-86—															
July					208.2										
August	403.10	265.00	387.90		208.2										
September					208.3										
October					208.3										
November	413.90	268.40	396.90		216.1										
December					216.1										
January					216.1										
February	423.50	276.80	n.y.a.		216.1										
March					216.1										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings (000 units)		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total \$m		Dwellings commenced (000 units)		Materials used in house building (base year 1986-67 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (base year 1979-80 = 100.0)		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)(b)		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
1984-85—															
January	1,010.1	1,250.1	11.6	13.7	151.8					478.5	154.9				
February	1,143.4	1,281.4	12.3	13.5	162.8					481.7	155.8				
March	1,361.7	1,345.8	13.4	13.1	180.2	3,472.7	3,706.9	34.0	36.9	466.9	156.8	898.8	1,049.9	2,657.3	3,064.3
April	1,281.0	1,340.8	13.4	13.4	200.2					491.9	158.3				
May	1,503.3	1,313.0	14.6	13.2	320.5					496.2	160.4				
June	1,423.8	1,414.8	13.3	13.4	193.2	4,176.1	4,065.6	39.2	38.3	498.8	161.1	1,102.8	1,072.7	3,592.9	3,241.3
1985-86—															
July	1,377.5	1,267.3	13.8	13.3	194.0					501.0	161.9				
August	1,623.4	1,564.0	14.1	13.5	432.5					505.0	163.0				
September	1,462.7	1,466.9	12.8	13.1	247.8	4,339.5	4,132.7	39.3	37.9	506.6	163.8	1,155.6	1,196.6	3,441.5	3,492.2
October	1,501.2	1,488.1	14.8	13.4	250.3					509.7	164.8				
November	1,551.1	1,549.9	12.7	12.3	252.5					512.3	166.3				
December	1,261.5	1,284.3	10.8	11.8	341.4	4,316.4	4,371.8	36.3	35.6	514.1	167.6	1,353.2	1,345.8	3,533.1	3,406.6
January	1,204.7	1,507.6	10.1	12.5	289.5					518.8	168.6				
February	1,086.9	1,218.8	10.0	10.9	158.4					519.3	170.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
March	1,057.8	1,158.3	9.5	10.1	184.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	521.2	171.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities.

(b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)										Commonwealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
	Savings banks—depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Permanent building societies \$m							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m						
1984-85—														
February	36,582	35,734	38,627	38,652	29,703	30,263	676	330	88	13.20		4,635		
March	36,379	36,054	39,012	38,804	30,654	30,884	695	346	104	13.65		5,192		
April	35,662	36,259	39,821	39,407	31,778	31,394	595	322	98	13.65		7,526		
May	36,148	36,536	39,833	39,945	32,050	31,731	793	397	115	13.50		7,276		
June	38,866	38,780	40,607	40,971	32,713	32,729	637	295	98	13.45		6,599		
1985-86—														
July	38,619	39,040	42,098	42,235	33,771	33,685	811	324	110	13.35		4,737		
August	39,132	39,298	42,175	42,641	33,809	34,037	723	279	113	14.45		5,499		
September	39,105	39,313	42,894	42,870	33,912	34,024	702	243	105	14.30		4,325		
October	39,414	39,705	42,842	42,893	(1)37,255	(1)36,754	727	266	116	15.05		4,399		
November	39,279	39,646	43,248	43,164	37,980	37,886	620	260	118	15.55		5,655		
December	39,710	39,281	44,055	43,772	38,948	38,845	545	209	95	15.65		5,609		
January	39,104	38,598	43,660	43,402	38,472	38,762	544	150	100	14.65		5,738		
February	39,738	38,799	43,788	43,965	38,970	39,705	506	156	100	14.15		5,631		
March	39,316	38,948	44,549	44,389	39,823	40,107	481	151	98	13.30		n.y.a.		
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	45,521	45,093	41,766	41,252	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.65		n.y.a.		

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (f) Break in series due to inclusion of certain foreign currency assets and liabilities not previously reported. For further information see *Major Trading Banks, Australia (5603.0)*.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
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Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES																
<i>1984-85—</i>																
September	49,462	50,327	1,366	2,140	48,096	48,187	29,893	30,187	8,398	8,684	7,260	7,284	3,596	4,012		
December	56,766	51,792	4,638	2,207	52,128	49,585	32,657	30,906	9,136	8,656	8,313	7,856	4,104	4,080		
March	50,230	52,815	1,626	2,292	48,604	50,523	30,819	31,965	8,358	8,953	7,141	7,905	3,816	4,407		
June	53,317	55,023	1,212	2,266	52,105	52,757	32,578	33,056	9,520	9,123	8,762	8,444	3,596	4,549		
<i>1985-86—</i>																
September	56,126	57,090	1,469	2,179	54,657	54,911	33,820	34,070	9,057	9,373	8,724	8,687	4,099	4,563		
December	63,201	57,919	4,444	2,150	58,757	55,769	37,057	35,015	10,190	9,647	9,373	8,911	4,963	4,922		
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																
<i>1984-85—</i>																
September	32,886	33,476	1,557	2,145	31,329	31,331	19,975	20,197	5,437	5,617	4,939	4,943	2,300	2,564		
December	37,824	34,107	4,155	2,155	33,669	31,952	21,637	20,434	5,796	5,543	5,571	5,288	2,584	2,570		
March	32,309	34,213	1,638	2,270	30,671	31,943	19,982	20,778	5,319	5,645	4,695	5,187	2,379	2,745		
June	33,760	35,118	1,447	2,261	32,313	32,857	20,649	20,931	5,970	5,717	5,599	5,395	3,366	2,737		
<i>1985-86—</i>																
September	35,056	35,595	1,557	2,039	33,499	33,556	20,907	21,094	5,516	5,702	5,365	5,333	2,398	2,668		
December	39,528	35,783	3,946	2,093	35,582	33,690	22,566	21,261	6,161	5,887	5,565	5,309	2,842	2,820		
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																
	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises															
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorpo- rated enterprises		Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	
<i>1984-85—</i>																
September	9,904	9,371	8,185	8,128	6,274	6,213	11,245	11,623	26,111	26,435	249	41,504	7,121	34,632		
December	9,171	9,354	7,885	7,980	7,356	6,617	15,250	12,041	28,060	26,897	3,316	45,991	6,904	42,403		
March	9,142	9,340	8,210	8,535	5,872	6,552	11,417	12,512	26,107	27,160	413	42,023	7,482	34,954		
June	10,727	10,689	10,044	9,780	6,610	6,749	10,877	12,743	28,325	28,237	34	47,140	12,546	34,628		
<i>1985-86—</i>																
September	11,767	11,119	9,797	9,767	7,775	7,696	13,054	13,306	28,083	28,564	233	45,797	7,670	38,360		
December	11,573	11,793	9,474	9,533	8,025	7,228	16,637	13,480	31,323	29,833	3,002	51,374	7,670	46,906		

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(b)**

**LABOUR FORCE SURVEY(a)
(PERSONS)**

Month	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Unemployment rate-per cent				Participation rate-per cent		Number of job vacancies ('000)		
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1985—																	
January	5,402.4	5,419.0	6,437.4	6,570.0	572.6	519.2	657.6	615.1	9.3	8.6	59.8	60.5					
February	5,435.7	5,430.3	6,576.3	6,644.0	578.4	516.6	673.6	608.1	9.3	8.4	61.0	60.7					35.0
March	5,451.9	5,433.1	6,634.5	6,593.3	568.4	528.3	671.7	627.5	9.2	8.7	61.4	60.7					
April	5,380.0	5,403.3	6,558.8	6,620.1	510.7	511.1	614.2	608.8	8.6	8.5	60.3	60.3					60.3
May	5,426.8	5,424.7	6,632.3	6,532.2	503.6	505.9	607.7	604.8	8.4	8.4	60.7	60.6					56.6
June	5,427.7	5,442.7	6,631.9	6,638.9	512.0	526.7	606.7	622.4	8.4	8.6	60.6	60.8					
July	5,472.1	5,459.9	6,674.5	6,660.9	476.7	504.7	565.7	600.6	7.8	8.3	60.5	60.7					
August	5,439.2	5,494.9	6,646.1	6,692.8	486.8	502.5	571.2	598.8	7.9	8.2	60.2	60.9					52.4
September	5,547.7	5,515.4	6,783.9	6,736.9	482.5	494.5	587.7	590.9	8.0	8.1	61.4	61.1					
October	5,496.6	5,501.0	6,740.1	6,720.5	443.8	481.5	533.1	575.0	7.3	7.9	60.5	60.7					
November	5,562.4	5,564.5	6,848.8	6,808.3	442.5	479.1	541.1	587.4	7.3	7.9	61.4	61.4					51.8
December	5,638.9	5,571.7	6,875.8	6,802.9	484.4	473.1	589.4	574.2	7.9	7.8	61.9	61.2					
1986—																	
January	5,603.6	5,621.4	6,719.0	6,862.8	529.6	479.3	623.2	583.3	8.5	7.8	60.8	61.6					
February	5,638.8	5,634.0	6,872.4	6,855.8	548.8	491.5	663.2	600.1	8.9	8.0	61.9	61.6					59.0
March	5,638.5	5,618.8	6,926.3	6,882.8	506.7	479.9	640.4	595.6	8.5	8.0	62.4	61.7					

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
PERSONS ('000)**

Month	Australia													Total	
	Government														
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Commonwealth	State(b)	Local	Total		
1984—															
October	1,832.9	1,426.0	770.9	452.3	463.1	161.1	49.5	110.2	3,562.4	423.6	1,106.0	153.9	1,683.6	5,246.0	
November	1,834.3	1,433.4	773.4	454.6	467.5	143.2	49.4	111.6	3,588.1	425.9	1,108.2	151.2	1,679.1	5,267.4	
December	1,835.8	1,429.4	769.0	456.3	464.4	142.6	49.0	110.6	3,593.9	427.0	1,083.4	152.9	1,663.3	5,257.1	
1985—															
January	1,818.3	1,413.3	760.3	443.1	456.6	139.3	48.9	108.1	3,568.6	427.3	1,042.5	149.6	1,619.4	5,189.0	
February	1,847.5	1,444.7	777.1	448.8	464.6	142.1	49.0	110.3	3,626.2	429.0	1,047.0	152.0	1,657.9	5,284.1	
March	1,855.7	1,458.8	780.9	455.3	471.3	144.8	50.3	111.7	3,639.8	431.8	1,104.5	152.8	1,689.1	5,289.0	
April	1,863.8	1,466.2	787.7	459.0	477.7	145.4	52.1	112.5	3,650.0	434.6	1,116.1	153.9	1,701.6	5,264.7	
May	1,850.9	1,465.2	797.3	462.1	479.3	148.7	53.1	113.2	3,676.8	484.8	1,102.9	153.8	1,691.1	5,267.0	
June	1,865.4	1,474.7	796.4	467.7	479.0	149.9	52.6	113.5	3,669.2	434.3	1,123.6	154.7	1,712.5	5,281.8	
July	1,850.0	1,479.0	786.1	466.6	477.8	141.7	53.8	111.7	3,651.2	429.8	1,134.0	154.8	1,718.6	5,269.7	
August	1,854.7	1,485.6	790.9	467.3	481.2	141.9	54.1	111.6	3,671.5	429.7	1,130.4	155.8	1,716.0	5,287.5	
September	1,850.1	1,489.5	794.2	465.9	482.7	142.8	54.9	111.5	3,678.0	429.9	1,127.7	155.9	1,713.4	5,391.5	
October	1,897.4	1,503.1	800.3	466.2	493.7	145.1	56.3	112.9	3,757.2	431.1	1,131.0	155.7	1,717.8	5,475.1	
November	1,915.2	1,516.4	805.4	468.4	495.6	146.7	56.4	113.8	3,796.5	432.3	1,133.3	155.9	1,721.5	5,517.9	
December	1,913.7	1,518.4	798.9	466.3	498.3	146.7	54.3	114.2	3,810.4	432.9	1,112.7	154.9	1,700.4	5,510.8	

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia (6248.0)* and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overseas (6256.0)*. Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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